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NEW, CONTINUATION, DIVISIONAL OR
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No. 0739D-000086
Express Mail Label No. EL 581 390 165 US
Date January 5, 2001



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a patent application for
POWERED FOLD-FLAT SEAT HINGE ASSEMBLY

identified by: First named inventor _____
or Attorney Docket No. (see above)

1. Type of Application

This application is a new (non-continuing) application.

This application is a continuation / divisional / continuation-in-part of prior application No. _____. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a [continuation/division/continuation-in-part] of United States patent application No. ____, filed _____.--

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN DUPLICATE: one copy for this application and one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable).

2. Contents of Application

- a. Specification of 18 pages;
 A microfiche computer program (Appendix);
 A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;
 - Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation is enclosed will be filed.
 - Cancel original claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)
- b. Formal Drawings on 6 sheets (Figs. 1-8);

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- c. A signed Oath/Declaration is enclosed / will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is newly executed / a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) / accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

- d. Form PTO/SB/35, a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), requesting non-publication of this application, is enclosed.

e. **Fees**

FILING FEE	Number	Number	Basic Fee	
CALCULATION	Filed	Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	20 - 20 = 0	x \$18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 = 0	x \$80.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used			\$270.00	=
FILING FEE – NON-SMALL ENTITY				710.00
FILING FEE - SMALL ENTITY: Reduction by 1/2				
<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is enclosed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement filed in prior application.				
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)				40.00
37 C.F.R. §1.17(k) Fee (non-English application)				
TOTAL				\$750.00

A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

The calculated fees will be paid within the time allotted for completion of the filing requirements.

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3. **Priority Information**

Foreign Priority: Priority based on _____ Application No. _____, filed _____, is claimed.

A copy of the above referenced priority document is enclosed / will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

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Provisional Application Priority: Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. , filed , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

4. Other Submissions

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement, sheets of PTO Form 1449, and patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.

A power of attorney

is submitted with the new Oath/Declaration.

is of record in the prior application and is in the original papers / a copy is enclosed.

An Assignment of the invention

is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.

is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to , and is recorded at Reel , Frame(s) .

An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.

Other: Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Attention is directed to the fact that the correspondence address for this application is:

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Shihong Yu
Title	POWERED FOLD-FLAT SEAT HINGE ASSEMBLY
Atty Docket Number 0739D-000086	

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

January 5, 2001

Date

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Signature

Michael Malinzak

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is used by the public to request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (and the PTO to process that request). Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.